

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 17 that starts at line 14 and ends at line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 19 is a cross-sectional view of a vial in a protecting container, often referred to as a PIG, which is typically made of lead in order to shield the environment from a nuclear product contained in the vial. The vial and protective container are generally designated by the numeral 82. The vial 84 is in an upright position having a nuclear medicine 86 therein comprising: a cylindrical side wall 88; a constricted neck portion 90 terminating in a rim 92; open area 94 defined by constricted neck portion and rim is closed by an elastomeric stopper 96, which hermetically seals the nuclear medicine 86 contained in the vial; an integral skirt and luer connector designated at 98; a fluid removal tube 100 extending towards the bottom of the vial; a luer cap 102 covering the opening in the luer connector; and a V-shaped bottom generally designated at 104 having a horizontal bottom portion 106, and side portions 108 and 108' constituting the side portions thereof. The horizontal bottom portion may terminate in a sharp angle, or it may extend as a horizontal surface defining obtuse angles with side portions 108 and 108' as illustrated in the drawing. The fluid removal tube 100 is precisely designed to reach horizontal bottom portion 106 in order to completely or almost completely remove the liquid from the vial.